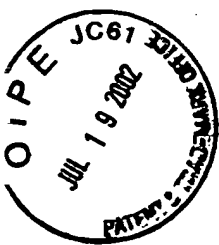


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,

SIR/MADAM:

Please enter the following amendments into the above-identified application prior to examination thereof.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 35, second paragraph, to read as follows:

a' For example, the back one-half portion of the surface area of the chassis 2 is determined by multiplying the second chassis length 73 times the function of the first chassis width 77 and the second chassis width 79; and the back one-half portion of the surface area of the absorbent core 3 is determined by multiplying the second absorbent core length 83 times the function of the second absorbent core width 87 and the intermediate absorbent core width 89.

Please amend page 35, third paragraph to read as follows:

a2 8/5/03 In addition, the front one-half portion of the surface area of the chassis 2 is determined by multiplying the difference between the first chassis length 71 and the second chassis length 73 times the function of the second chassis width 79 and the first chassis width 77 of the chassis 2; and the front one-half portion of the surface area of the absorbent